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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION CLAUDE S. BRINEGAR

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1. DURING LONG DISCUSSION WITH INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICIALS AT ROMANIAN MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION, EMBOFFS DISCUSSED PROGRAM FOR SECRETARY BRINEGAR'S VISIT. FOLLOWING IS BASIC PROPOSAL AS IT EMERGED FROM OUR DISCUSSIONS, AND WHICH IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDING ON SECRETARY'S WISHES:

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15

1300 ARRIVAL AT OTOPENI AIRPORT

1345 ARRIVAL AT LIVING QUARTERS (FOR PROGRAMMING PURPOSES

WE NNEED TO KNOW IF SECRETARY AND PARTY PLAN TO LUNCH ABOARD PLANE BEFORE ARRIVAL; BECAUSE OF TIGHT SCHEDULING HERE ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON WE WOULD SUGGEST THIS AS BEST ALTERNATIVE. PLEASE ADVISE.)

1500-1545 BRIEFING SESSION AT EMBASSY FOR SECRETARY BRINEGAR, DR. GREGORY, CDR. SULLIVAN AND STAFF MEMBERS. (THIS MEETING MAY BE ADVANCED TO ALLOW MORE TIME FOR FOLLOWING MEETINGS

WD WORK SESSIONS.)

1600-1650 CALL ON MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION DUDAS

1700 SECRETARY BRINEGAR CALLS ON PRESIDENT OF STATE PLANNING COMMITTEE DRAGANESCU (NOT CONFIRMED BY GOR

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DINNER LATER IN EVENING.)

1700-1800 FURTHER DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS BY US AND ROMANIAN SPECIALISTS.

2000 OFFICIAL DINNER HOSTED BY TRANSPORTATION MINISTER DUDAS

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

0600 DEPART FOR GALATI ON EXPRESS TRAIN (PRIVATE CAR).
BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED ABOARD TRAIN.

0930 VISIT GALATI SHIPYARDS BY RIVER LAUNCH . (SHIPYARDS ARE BEING EXPANDED TO PRODUCE BULK CARGO CARRIERS UP TO 35,000 DWT.) CONTINUE BY PASSENGER SHIP TO TULCEA AND DANUBE DELTA; VISIT WILDLIEFE AREAS IN DELTA, LUNCHING ABOARD SHIP OR IN RIVERSIDE RESTAURANT, AND RETURNING TO TULCEA

1500 LEAVE TULCEA BY CAR FOR CONSTANTA

1800 ARRIVE AT NEPTUNE BEACH (CONSTANTA)

2000 INFORMAL DINNER AT "CRAMA NEPTUNE," WINE CELLAR RESTAURANT

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

A.M. CALL ON MAYOR OF CONSTANTA (TIME NOT CONFIRMED; MAYOR MAY ATTEND DINNER AT "CRAMA NEPTUNE" INSTEAD ON THURSDAY EVENING.)

A.M. VISIT: (1) PORT FACILITIES (PORT OF CONSTANTA IS IN MAJOR EXPANSION PHASE NEARLY DOUBLING PORT CAPACITY), (2) SHIPYARDS (NEW DRYDOCKS UNDER CONSTRUCTION TO HANDLE SHIPPING UP TO 55,000 DWT), AND (3) RAIL CENTER SERVICING INLAND-LOCATED INDUSTRIES FROM PORT.

1200 LUNCH AT RESTAURANT IN MURFATLAR (WINE REGION)

1530 DEPART BY RAIL (PRIVATE CAR) FOR BUCHAREST (SECRETARY AND PARTY MAY WISH TO RETURN BY DOT PLANE IN ORDER TO ARRIVE IN TIME FOR FINAL MEETING WITH DUDAS)

1845 ARRIVE BUCHAREST

-- FINAL MEETING WITH MOT DUDAS (NOT CONFIRMED)

2030 DINNER HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

0900 DEPART BUCHAREST FOR LONDON

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2. LADIES' SCHEDULE

WIVES WOULD ACCOMPANY ON ABOVE PROGRAM EXCEPT FOR FOLLOWS:

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

1600-1800

VISIT TO VILLAGE MUSEUM (PARK-LIKE , OUTDOOR MUSEUM WITH AUTHENTIC, TRADITIONAL HOMES, FARMS, AND CHURCHES

REPRESENTATIVE OF VARIOUS REGIONS IN ROMANIA)

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

0900-1200 FVISIT TO RCHEOLOGICAL MUSEUM AND AQUARIUM IN
CONSTANTA (ARCHEOLOGICAL MUSEUM CONCENTRATES ON
ROMAN PERIOD IN HISTORY OF DOBROGEA AREA; AQUARIUM
SHOWS SEA LIFE OF SPECIFIC COASTAL AND EDELTA REGIONS.)

3. OTHER MAJOR ALTERNATIVES DISCUSSED AT MEETING IS TRIP WHICH
WOULD INCLUDE BRASOV (AUTO AND TRUCK MANUFACTURING), CRAIOVA
(LOCOMOTIVE MANUFACTURING), AND TURNU SEVERIN (HYDORELECTRIC
POWER AND RIVER TRANSPORTATION) AREAS, BUT WOULD NOT IN OUR
ESTIMATION GIVE US BROAD A VIEW OF ROMANIAN TRANSPORTATION STRUCTURE.
WE FEEL THAT PROGRAM DESCRIBED IN PARA 1 ABOVE NOT ONLY OFFERS WIDE
RANGE OF TRANSPORTATIRJSWCCILITIES BUT OFFERS POSSIBILITY OF VIEW-
ING DANUBE DELTA WHICH IS ONE OF FEW AREAS IN WHICH ROMANIANS
HAVE CREATED UNIQUE TRANSPORTATION STURCTURE ADOPTED TO FAIRLY
UNCOMMON SURROUNDINGS. WE RECOMMEND, THEREFORE, THAT DOT GIVE
SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO SUGGESTED PROGRAM WIOB VIEW TO ACCEPTING
IT IN BROAD OUTLINE, SUBJECT TO POSSIBLE CHANGES IN DETAIL. (ONE
MINOR ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE TO REVERSE ORDER OF CITIES VISITED,
TRAVELLING TO CONSTANTA THEN TO GALATI; STARTING TIMES THURSDAY
MORNING WOULD BE LATER, BUT HAS DISADVANTAGE OF CUTTING SHORT THE
TIME AVAILABLE FOR CONSTANTA PORT FACILITIES.)

4. ROMANIANS POINT OUT THAT ABOVE PROPOSED PROGRAM PROVIDES MAXIMUM
EXPOSURE TO RAIL, SEA, AND HIGHWAY INFRASTRUTURE. THEY HAVE COM-
MENTED THAT THE DISTANCES INVOLVED ARE TOO SMALL FOR USE OF AIR
TRANSPORTATION. (IT IS POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, THAT THEY WOULD PREFER
NOT TO USE THEIR OLDER AN-24 AIRCRAFT, PROBABLY THEIR ONLY
ALTERNATIVE SINCE DOT GULFSTREAM PERHAPS DIES NOT HAVE DESIRED

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PASSENGER CAPACITY. IN ADDITION, AIR TRANSPORTATION IS NO LONGER THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION, BUT HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED TO MINISTRY OF DEFENSE.)

5. OUR INDICATION OF PURPOSES TO BE SERVED AND SUBJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED DURING THE VISIT, DRAWN FROM SUBSTANCE OF REF A, AGREEABLE TO ROMANIANS, ALTHOUGH THEY POINT OUT THAT FIELD OF URBAN TRANSPORTATION IS NOT A DEVELOPED SPECIALTY WITH THEM. IF SPECIALISTS IN SECRETARY'S PARTY WISH TO SPLIT OFF FOR DISCUSSIONS, ROMANIANS WOULD LIKE TO PLACE THEIR OWN EXPERTS AT DISPOSAL OF GROUP; THEY WILL DESIGNATE PARTICIPANTS IN RELATION TO SPECIAL FIELDS REPRESENTED IN SECRETARY'S PARTY. FOR THIS REASON, WE NEED TO KNOW IF STAFF ASSISTANTS OR ASSISTANTS IN SECRETARY'S PARTY WILL HAVE FUNCTIONAL SPECIALTIES IN TRANSPORTATION FIELD. IN THIS REGARD, WE STILL NEED CLARIFICATION AND IDENTIFICATION OF ACCOMPANYING STAFF ASSISTANTS (REFTEL B, PARA 3). WE ARE ALSO PREPARED TO DISCUSS AGENDA ITEMS INVOLVING SPECIAL YNKGIESS HENWILL BE ACCOMPANYING SECRETARY ON HIS CALWS. PLEASE ADVISE.

6. AS TO THEIR OWN INTERESTS FOHSD #
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SECTOR, ROMANIANS SAID THEY WOULD LIKE TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF (1) SIGNING A BILATERAL OCEAN TRANSPORT AGREEMENT, (2) IDENTIFYING NEW AREAS FOR COOPERATION AND EXCHANGE AND (3) THIRD MARKET US-ROMANIAN COOPERATION IN DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF TRANSPORT
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FACILITIES. ANOTHER SPECIFIC TOPIC OF CURRENT INTEREST TO ROMANIANS IS OFFSHORE OIL LOADING AND UNLOADING TERMINALS IN SHALLOW PORTS; THEY WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE THIS SUBJECT IN THE CURRENT INFORMATION EXCHANGE PROGRAM. MORE SPECIFIC AGENDA, THEY FEEL, COULD BE WORKED OUT WITH COLONEL RAIMUNDO DURING HIS VISIT TO ROMANIA MAY 27-31 (REFTEL B). IN THIS REGARD, WOULD RAIMUNDO VISIT SERVE AS ADVANCE TRIP ONLY, OR MIGHT RAIMUNDO STAY ON OR RETURN WITH SECRETARY'S PARTY?

7. CONCERNING ACCOMMODATIONS, MOST OFFICIALS STATE THAT PLAN IS TO LODGE PARTY OTHER THAN CREW IN "QUIET HOTEL" OTHER THAN INTERCONTINENTAL OR ATHENEE PALACE. (WE BELIEVE THIS IS EUPHEMISM FOR VIP GUEST HOUSE, PERMISSION FOR USE OF WHICH PROBABLY STILL IN WORKS.) EMBASSY MEANWHILE RESERVING ROOMS AS REQUESTED FOR PARTY AT INTERCONTINENTAL, AND WILL AWAIT EXPRESSION OF SECRETARY'S PREFERENCES.
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